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Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is in response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006. This paper has been filed on or before the due date of October 18, 2006, with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, and the necessary fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, such as extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 463077-239, Docket No. A-71273-3).

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